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FOR IMPROVING HOT CARRIER
RELIABILITY

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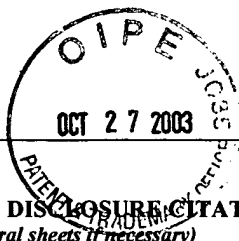
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	AH	D. Brisbin et al., "Hot Carrier Reliability of N-LDMOS Transistor Arrays for Power BiCMOS Applications," <i>International Reliability Physics Symposium Proceedings 2002</i> , pp. 105-110 (6 pages in length).
	AI	U.S. Patent Application No. 10/266,543, filed October 8, 2002, entitled: "Method and device for improving hot carrier reliability of an LDMOS transistor using drain ring over-drive bias," by Douglas Brisbin et al., 16 pages in length.

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